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1. SUMMARY: NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG AND PART OF THE ENTOURAGE DEPARTED SOFIA FOR BELGRADE ON AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5 AFTER RETURNING TO SOFIA FROM VARNA REGION JUNE 4. LAST HALF OF KIM'S VISIT HIGHLIGHTED BY LARGE RALLY HELD IN SOFIA. END SUMMARY

2. PRESS COVERAGE ON KIM'S VISIT, WHILE STILL SUBSTANTIAL, CONTAINS LITTLE DETAIL ON THE COURSE OF EVENTS DURING LAST HALF OF KIM'S VISIT TO BULGARIA (FOR FIRST HALF SEE REFTTEL A). KIM SPENT NIGHT OF JUNE 3 AT GOB EVKSINOGRAD ESTATE NEAR VARN WHERE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB OFFICIALS INCLUDING FIRST SECRETARY OF CC BCP AND PRESIDENT STATE COUNCIL TODOR ZHIVKOV WERE CONTINUED FOLLOWING MORNING. KIM AND PARTY RETURNED SOFIA JUNE 4 TO HOST STATE DINNER AT BULGARIAN STATE COUNCIL RESIDENCE IN BOYANA IN HONOR OF BULGARIANS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCORDING TO ZHIVKOV DURING HIS TOAST, TWO DELEGATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM; ADDITIONALLY, HE STATEDS BULGARIA SHARES ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLES OF ASIA FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE,

FOR LIQUIDATION OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS, AND FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN ASIA. KIM'S TOAST WAS BRIEF AND PERFUNCTORY.

3. KIM'S DEPARTURE SCHEDULE CHANGE TO JUNE 5 WAS MADE KNOWN THROUGH BULGARIAN TV SCHEDULE LISTINGS, ONLY OFFICIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. PARTY DEPARTED FOR BELGRADE IN ONLY TWO PLANES, WHILE THREE ILYUSHINS REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO NORTH KOREA VIA MONGOLIA. KIM DEPARTED AT 1430 GMT FOR BELGRADE (REFTEL C), WHILE RALLY PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED AFTERNOON JUNE 5 (REFTEL A) WAS PUSHED AHEAD TO 0830 GMT. RALLY, WHICH WAS HELD IN SEPTEMBER 9TH SQUARE IN FRONT OF THOUSANDS OF BULGARIANS COMPLETELY FILLING THE OPEN AREA, LASTED ABOUT ONE HOUR AND FEATURED LENGTHY SPEECHES BY ZHIVKOV AND KIM. CHILLY WEATHER MAY HAVE DIMMED BULGARIAN REACTION, BUT NOTEWORTHY WAS FACT THAT FIRST MENTION OF ZHIVKOV'S NAME DREW ALMOST NO CROWD RESPONSE IN THE BACK RANKS, AND NOISE OF CONVERSATIONS WAS SUCH IN AREA WHERE DCM AND EMBOFF WERE OBSERVING THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO FOLLOW SPEECHES. WHILE TV CAMERAS MANAGED TO PICK UP SOME RHYTHMIC CHANTERS AND HAND FLAG WEVERS, BY FAR LARGEST MAJORITY OF CROWD WAS LITTLE INTERESTED IN PROCEEDINGS AND MUCH MORE CONCERNED ABOUT KEEPING WARM.

4. BULGARIAN CHAIRMAN OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL STANKO TODOROV'S QUICK VISIT TO MOSCOW JUNE 4 (REFTEL B NOTAL) INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER KOSYGIN. THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION, WHICH DEPARTED AND RETURNED TO SOFIA ON THE SAME DAY, INCLUDING DEPUTY CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS KIRIL ZAREV AND DEPUTY MINISTER MACHINE BUILDING ANGEL ZAPRIANOV. WHILE PRESS DESCRIBES PURPOSE OF VISIT ONLY AS DISCUSSION OF NUMBER OF ISSUES RELATED TO BULGARIAN-SOVIET COOPERATION AND FURTHERING OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF CEMA COUNTRIES, EMBASSY STRONGLY SUSPECTS THAT SUDDENNESS AND BRIEF LENGTH OF VISIT AS WELL AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIMING WOULD INDICATE THAT SUBJECT OF KIM'S VISIT TO SOFIA WAS RAISED AT SOME POINT DURING MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS.

5. BULGARIAN PAPERS HAVE NOT YET ISSUED COMMUNIQUE ON RESULTS OF VISIT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO APPEAR TOMORROW.

2. WITH REGARD TO DINNER HOSTED BY BULGARIANS JUNE 2 (REPORTED REFTEL A), ONE NON-ALIGNED DIPLOMAT HAS INDICATED THAT SEGMENT OF KIM'S TOAST -- "EVERY SOCIALIST COUNTRY IS MAKING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD REVOLUTION, ABOVE ALL THROUGH THE SUCCESSFUL BUILDING OF SOCIALISM IN ITS OWN COUNTRY AND QUICKENS THE TRIUMPH

OF THE COMMON CAUSE THROUGH MUTUAL COOPERATION AND
ASSISTANCE" -- AS BEING POINTED REFERENCE TO CHINA AND
INDICATION OF KIM'S OWN INDEPENDENT POSITION.
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